

4/3/15 Update on Sirenusa Condo Methyl Bromide Release, Cruz Bay, St. John

Today ventilation of Units J upper and lower continued. Air monitoring readings taken prior to ventilation indicated background in J upper and lower. Both units were ventilated for the entire day. Levels of total VOCs directly outside openings to the units were all at background levels. The units will ventilated all day on 4/3, and confirmatory samples (Summa grab samples) will be taken on 4/5.

Results for the wipe samples taken last week will be available early in the week of 4/6.

ATSDR is moving forward with plans to deploy the Epi-Aid team. The formal request package was submitted to OMB on 4/1/15 and was approved. ATSDR continues to coordinate with the USVI DOH regarding clearance values for re-occupancy of the effected condominiums. The ATSDR Epi-Aid team is anticipating arrival in the VI on Monday 4/6/15 in the late afternoon. ATSDR has been in contact with condominium complex management and is in the process of determining the guests who will be interviewed as part of the Epidemiological study. Responders to the March 18 incident will be interviewed as well as facility staff. EPA is assisting ATSDR with logistical support.

The REOC continued working with EPA Pesticides and Toxic Substances Branch to evaluate options for management of existing stocks of the fumigant. Stocks of Methyl Bromide have been identified at facilities on St. Thomas and St. Croix, consisting of one cylinder at each of two facilities. In coordination with DPNR, EPA CID, and DOJ secure locations have been identified for both the St. Thomas and St. Croix cylinders. The cylinder on St. Thomas will transported by DPNR and EPA personnel on 4/7, and the St. Croix cylinder will transported to a secure location on St. Croix on 4/8. REOC has been in contact with the distributor of the cylinder on St. Croix and is arranging transportation off island.

R2 REOC remains the point of contact for all EPA's activities related to this incident.

Personnel on-site today included 3 OSCs and 1 RST contractor.

EPA is still working cooperatively with DPNR, EPA CID, DOJ, The St. John Fire Department, St. John Police Department, Terminix, ATSDR, USVI DOH and the condo complex management company.